(NPEGEL)' under which funds would be provided for establishing 'model cluster schools for girls' which will, *inter alia*, have provision of an additional classroom, electrification, supply of drinking water and toilet facilities.

In addition, funds made available to State Governments under schemes of other Ministries like Rural Development, Drinking Water Supply and Planning Commission, as also funds under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) are also expected to be utilized, *inter alia,* for infrastructure development of primary schools wherever guidelines so permit.

Statement

Funds for infrastructure Development in Primary Schools

State-wise allocation on construction and infrastructure development in primary schools during 2000-01 to 2002-03

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Year	Andhra Pradesh Funds Allocated/ released (Rupees in lakhs)	Tamil Nadu Funds Allocated/ released (Rupees in lakhs)
1.	Operation Blackboard	2000-01	2291.60	0.00
		2001-02	No grant released	
		2002-03	The scheme of Operation Blackboard has been subsumed in SSA with effect from 1.4.2002	
2.	District Primary Education Programme Phase I & II	2000-01	3593.99	654.42
		2001-02	4303.90	2573.173
		2002-03	4438.19	677.933
3.	Srava Shiksha Abhiyan	2000-01		Scheme not started
		2001-02	1738.00	2061.85
		2002-03	3970.80	6626.33

Universities and colleges in Karnataka as centres of excellence

1939. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which Universities in Karnataka have been identified by the UGC as those with potential for excellence;

(b) the number of colleges identified as centres of excellence in Karnataka; and

(c) the amount of grant proposed to be given to these Universities and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has selected Karnataka University, Dharwad as "Centre with Potential for Excellence" in Polymer Science under the scheme of "Centres with Potential for Excellence". A grant of Rs. 5.00 crores has been released by UGC to the University, during March, 2002. The UGC has invited the proposals for identifying the colleges as centres of excellence.

Meeting of UNESCO

1940. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO has held their meet in Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, the agenda of the meet and salient observations made by the participant countries in the field of education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, sir. The third meeting of the High Level Group on Education For All (EFA) was co-hosted by India and UNESCO from 10th to 12th November, 2003. Sixteen countries participated in this meet.

(b) The main agenda of this meet was to discuss:

(i) Review of progress on EFA goals set in Dakar;

(ii) Action agenda for achieving gender goals;

(iii) National planning and policy reform;

(iv) International action for support and financing of EFA; and

(v) Challenges and opportunities: The path ahead.